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### Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

MUSSON ET AL.

**Examiner**

ANIL N. KUMAR

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-80 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-80 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE-US)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/16/07, 1/29/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the RCE filed on February 25th, 2008. Claims (1-80) are pending and have been considered below.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anuff et al. ("Anuff", US 6, 327,628 B1) in view of Abel et al. ("Abel", US 2003/0084401 A1).

Claims 1, 21, 40, 59 and 80: Anuff disclose methods and media for rendering a portal graphical user interface (GUI) (i.e. ...server presents initial view ... col 2 lines 1-27 and Fig. 2), comprising:

- providing for the representation of a GUI desktop (Fig. 2), a GUI look and feel (i.e. ...select from various look and feel templates ... col 2 lines 13-16) , and a GUI book (see Bookmarks in Fig. 2) as a set of controls wherein the controls

- can be organized in a logical hierarchy (i.e. ... as well as their order of appearance... col 4 lines 6-14 and Fig. 2);
- traversing the representation, wherein the traversing comprises: associating a theme with a first control in the set of controls(i.e. ... change its color scheme... col 3 lines 54-57 and Fig. 2) ;
  - rendering the first control according to the theme (i.e. ...4. Assign styles to elements in page ... col 8 lines 22-49);
  - rendering any descendents of the first control according to the theme (i.e. see hierarchy and ownership under the Legend in Fig. 4);
  - and wherein one of the set of controls can communicate with another of the set of controls (See >Search< and >Company Directory< portals in Fig. 2); but does not explicitly disclose,
  - wherein a descendent of the first control can override the theme with a second theme such that the descendent of the first control uses the second theme and any descendent of the descendent of the first control uses the second theme unless the second theme is overridden.

However, Abel disclose a method for localizing - customization/overriding, paragraph [0002] - a Web page based on a selected characteristic, such as a culture, a skin, a filtered set of functions, or other desired trait (paragraph [0008]), and further disclose, the instance of the LocalizedPage class overrides the standard Render method of the standard ASP.NET Page class (paragraphs [0043-0045] and Fig. 6). It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of

this invention to combine the theme localization/overriding, as taught by Abel, in Anuff's method, in order to provide the user customization options, so that the user will be able to have a custom localized web page that is particularly suited for their needs.

Claims 2, 22, 42 and 61: Anuff disclose:

- wherein the desktop is a view of a portal (i.e. ...views are the front page of a portal ... col 6 lines 48-54 and Fig. 2);
- wherein the desktop can be represented by a desktop control (Fig. 2);
- and wherein the desktop control is hierarchically superior to the shell control and to the book control (see the Layout->Group->ModuleView hierarchy in Fig. 4).

Claims 3, 23, 43 and 62: Anuff disclose:

- the look and feel determines the appearance of the portal (i.e. ...Site look and feel ... col 14 lines 54-63);
- wherein the look and feel can be represented by a look and feel control (see >Layout< in Fig. 2);
- and wherein the theme is a variation of the look and feel (see >Color< in Fig. 2).

Claims 4, 24, 44 and 63: Anuff disclose:

- the book can be used to navigate to at least one portal page control (see >Bookmarks< , >News< portals in Fig. 2);
- and wherein the book is represented by a book control (see >XYZ Corp. Home Page< in Fig. 2).

Claims 5, 28, 48 and 64: Anuff disclose wherein: one of the set of controls can respond to an event raised by another of the set of controls (see >Search< in Fig. 2).

Claims 6, 29, 49 and 65: Anuff disclose wherein: a control can have an interchangeable persistence mechanism (see >manage persistence< in Fig. 4).

Claims 7, 30, 50 and 66: Anuff disclose wherein: a control can have an interchangeable rendering mechanism (i.e. ... displaying some aspects of module's data ... col 7 lines 5-26).

Claims 8, 41, 60 and 67: Anuff disclose further comprising: accepting a request (Fig. 3).

Claims 9, 25, 45 and 68: Anuff disclose wherein: the request in a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) request (i.e. ...contains a HTTP request ... col 6 lines 59-66 and Fig. 3).

Claims 10, 26, 46 and 69: Anuff disclose wherein: the request originates from a Web browser (see Figs. 1 and 3).

Claims 11, 27, 47 and 70: Anuff disclose further comprising: generating a response (i.e. ...contains a HTTP response ... col 6 lines 59-66 and Fig. 3).

Claims 12, 31, 51 and 71: Anuff disclose wherein: a control can represent one of: button, text field, menu, table, window, window control, title bar, pop-up window, check-box button, radio button, window frame, desktop, shell, head, body, header, footer, book, page, layout, placeholder, portlet and toggle button (Fig. 2).

Claims 13, 32 and 72: Anuff disclose wherein: associating the theme with the first control can occur when the first control is rendered (i.e. ... Portal Page Info object 48 tells the modules about the display characteristics...col 7 lines 51-53 and Fig. 4).

Claims 14, 33, 52 and 73: Anuff disclose wherein: the first control inherits the theme from a parent control (i.e. ... given the primary group, the portal web site can be written to exploit the style... col 15 lines 59-67).

Claims 15, 34, 53 and 74: Anuff disclose wherein: the theme specifies the appearance and/or functioning of an control in the GUI (i.e. ...means of associating formatting intelligence with specific portions of a page.... Col 14 lines 66-67).

Claims 16, 35, 54 and 75: Anuff disclose wherein: rendering the first control according to the theme can be accomplished in parallel with rendering of other controls (i.e. ...at the same time being able to view information... col 3 lines 32-36).

Claims 17, 36, 55 and 76: Anuff disclose wherein: the theme can be specified in whole or in part by a properties file (i.e. ...upload style files-properties can be in multiple files- to the portal web site... col 15 line 32).

Claims 18, 37, 56 and 77: Anuff disclose wherein: the properties file can include at least one of: 1) cascading style sheet; 2) Java Server Page; 3) Extensible Markup Language; 4) text; 5) Hypertext Markup Language; 6) Extensible Hypertext Markup Language; 7) JavaScript; and 8) Flash MX (i.e. ...create the style's source code in a file... col 15 lines 27-30).



Claims 19, 38, 57 and 78: Anuff disclose wherein: the properties file can specify at least one image (i.e. ...upload style files-can include a image file- to the portal web site... col 15 line 32).

Claims 20, 39, 58 and 79: Anuff disclose wherein: the GUI is part of a portal on the World Wide Web (Figs. 1 and 2).

### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments filed on February 25th, 2008 have been fully considered but they were found not persuasive.

Applicant argues "Claims 1, 21, 41, 59 and 80 have been amended to include the feature that 'a descendent of the first control can override the them with a second theme such that the descendent of the first control uses the second theme and any descendent of the descendent of the first control uses the second theme unless the second theme is overridden'. This feature is not shown in the prior art". The Examiner agrees, but maintains the rejection, and points out this is moot in view of new rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil N. Kumar whose telephone number is (571) 270-

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1693. The examiner can normally be reached on Wednesdays and alternate Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri EST (Alternate Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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